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Lawmakers announce MI-Forests plan to help state's economy

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What: Press conference announcing the MI-Forests plan to strengthen

Michigan's forest industry and help grow the economy.

When: Monday, November 14

10 a.m.

Where: Weyerhaeuser

4111 W. Four Mile Road

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Briefing: The MI-Forests package aims to encourage private timber management

and increased investment in the forest industry through tax incentives.

The forest industry employs approximately 200,000 Michigan workers

and contributes \$12 billion to the state's economy each year.

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